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- KK's info was wrong and he offered no solution -- consistent with his reputation of seeking publicity without responsibility.
- 2. Dooley: "Trust everyone -- but the the cards."
- Too delicate for hypothetical or speculative questions -- or political exploitation -- or not in a position to comment on that.
- Concentrate now on implementing letters of Oct. 27 and 28 -- then turns to other matters.
- MRBM could be set up on a prepared base in a matter of hours. Photographs
 of several hours difference show this.
- Bad weather, cloud covers and Hurricane Ella postponed key flight until Oct. 14 -- until then, we would have acted without proof.
- The definitive briefing of the President did not take place until Sunday, October 21. Info incomplete before then.
- Time Magazine pictures indicate that earliest pictures showed little, earlier pictures would have shown nothing.
- Not discussing numbers of any weapons.
- Helpful: UN (bond issue), OAS (Alliance for Progress), Allies (trade bill), others (Peace Corps,
- Surveillance in a variety of ways maintained all summer and fall -- a
 massive and successful effort to get all the facts -- meanwhile President
 warned Soviets.
- Refugee reports -- even though often unreliable, unable to distinguish SAM from MRBM -- were all checked out, despite inconsistency with Soviet policy.
- Anyone who charges John McCone with keeping information from the President or the President with keeping information from the people had better be prepared with proof.

- 14. Caution and thanks, not crowing or exultation. Not victory for U.S., but for peace and world.
- Couldn't charge deceit or alarm public on basis of rumors and unconfirmed reports.
- 16. Cooly warned on September 13 we would take whatever measures were necessary -- did so when evidence at hand -- eliminated threat and increased prestige.
- Soviets moving in in 1959-60, but all wee did was reduce sugar quota, then
 cut off most exports in October, and ended relations in January, 1961.
- 18. Nixon in August of 1960 said toppling Castro was "simply out of the question."